



H.Res. 695 - Expressing the support for designation of a "National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day" to honor and celebrate the fire fighters of the United States

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 695 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative John Campbell (R-CA) on October 1, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and was ordered to be reported by voice vote.

H.Res. 695 is expected to be considered on the floor on December 11, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 695 resolves that the House of Representatives supports the designation of a National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day to honor and celebrate the fire fighters of the United States. The legislation states that the second Tuesday in October should be National Fire Fighter Day.

BACKGROUND

Fire fighters respond to more than 20,000,000 calls during a typical year and assist with emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, special rescue response, terrorism response, and life safety education.

Benjamin Franklin founded the first volunteer fire department in 1735. There are now more than 1,100,000 fire fighters in the United States. Approximately 75 percent of all fire fighters in the United States are volunteers. On September 11, 2001, 346 fire fighters and emergency personnel died while responding to the terrorist attacks.

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